

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) A hummingbird feeder comprising a feed reservoir for retaining liquid feed, a feeding cup, an overflow trap having an overflow trap jacket jacketing the feeding cup, and a lid having a feeding orifice protectively positioned so as to provide a feeding hummingbird access to the liquid feed contained within the feeding cup with said lid protectively covering said feeding cup and said overflow trap jacket, a pump for pumping the liquid feed from the feed reservoir to the feeding cup and an with the overflow trap jacket being positioned so as to capture feed contaminates flushed from the feeding cup by pumping excess liquid feed from the feed reservoir into the feeding cup causing an overrun the feed contaminates within the feeding cup to overrun and drain onto the overflow trap funnel therefrom.
2. (currently amended) The feeder according to claim 1 wherein the feeding cup is positioned entirely within the overflow trap jacket and the overflow trap jacket funnels the feed contaminates onto a contaminate trap tank for containing feed contaminates flushed from the feeding cup.
3. (currently amended) The feeder according to claim 1 wherein feeding ports positioned above a brim of the feeding cup provides feeding access to the feeding hummingbird.
4. (currently amended) The feeder according to claim 2 wherein a conduit for feeding pumped liquid feed to the feeding cup is housed within the overflow trap jacket.
5. (currently amended) The feeder according to claim 3 wherein the liquid feed and the overflow trap jacket for capturing the feed contaminates are protectively housed within the feeder and thereby protected from insect intrusion.
6. (currently amended) The feeder according to claim 5 wherein the feed reservoir and the overflow trap tank are protectively covered by a removable lid for accessing thereto.
7. (currently amended) The feeder according to claim 1 wherein the feeder includes pump comprises an externally disposed hand operated pump for pumping the liquid feed to the feeding cup.

8. (currently amended) A method for flushing liquid feed contaminates from a hummingbird feeder equipped with a liquid feed reservoir, a feeding cup and an overflow trap inlet covered by a lid having a feeding orifice positioned so as to provide a feeding hummingbird access to for feeding the liquid feed contained within the feeding cup, a pump for pumping the liquid feed to the feeding cup from said reservoir and an with the overflow trap inlet being positioned so as to capture for capturing contaminants flushed from contaminating the liquid feed retained within said feeding cup, said method comprising:
  - a) pumping liquid feed to the feeding cup with said pump,
  - b) allowing the liquid feed to be become contaminated with contaminates, and
  - c) flushing the contaminants from said liquid feed feeding cup by pumping excess liquid feed into the feeding cup so as to cause excess feed containing the contaminates to ever flow overflow the feeding cup onto the overflow trap inlet and thereby be flushed flush the contaminants from the feeding cup.
9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 8 wherein the pump for pumping includes manually pumping excess fluid into the feeding cup with a hand operated pump and the overflow trap inlet funnels the flushed contaminants onto a contaminate trap tank for containing the flushed contaminates.
10. (original) The method according to claim 9 which includes a replenishing of the feed reservoir with liquid feed.
11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 8 or 9 wherein the overflow trap inlet is comprises an overflow trap funnel essentially housed within the feeder and the contaminate trap tank includes an accessing port for removal of contaminates from the contaminate trap tank and feeder, said method includes including the additional step of removing feed contaminates from the overflow trap tank.
12. (currently amended ) The method according to claim 9 wherein the feed liquid is stored within a feed reservoir protectively housed within the feeder and the overflow trap tank for storing overflow contaminates includes a contaminate container protectively housed

within the feeder and the method includes accessing the contaminate container and removing contaminates while replenishing the food reservoir with added liquid feed.